

Sudden Shift Made in the Daugherty Hearing

Neither Roxie Stinson Nor Gaston B. Means Were Called Back to Stand During the Morning.

MEANS' CHARGES BRING DENIALS Japanese Company Declares It Paid No Money to Means or Any One Else.

Tokio, March 15 (By the Associated Press.)—Denials that any payments of money had ever been given to Gaston B. Means in an effort to stop prosecution of the Standard Aircraft Company, case as Means charged yesterday before the Daugherty investigating committee was made today by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, through its principal office here.

Statements Made by Him Concerning Moving Picture Rights Get Attention of the Committee.

Washington, March 15.—Turning aside for the moment from the sensational testimony of Roxie Stinson and Gaston B. Means, the Senate committee investigating the Department of Justice today began delving into allegations that exhibitions of the Carpentier-Dempsey fight films had been carried on through arrangements with Jess W. Smith, Attorney General Daugherty's late friend and his associates.

After the prize fight film story was heard the committee turned to alleged gun running on the Mexican border in connection with the unsuccessful Cantu revolution.

After being in session 3 1/2 hours, the committee adjourned to meet again on Monday.

F. C. Quimby, who described himself as a motion picture producer and maker of the fight film, testified that the arrangement as he understood it was that the rights for showing the fight films, the interstate transportation of which is prohibited by law, were to be let out to exhibitors in various states, and that the expenses of local prosecutions and attorneys fees were borne out of a fund by the owners.

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CROP REPORTS Figures Dealing With Grain Crop in North Carolina for Past Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, March 15.—While the general crop of North Carolina made a better yield, 22 1/2 bushels, last fall, the 83 per cent merchantable was quality, two per cent less than the two previous years, according to Frank Parker, State agricultural statistician, in his official March report.

Of the 56,868,000 bushels produced, there is reported 46 per cent, or 27,840,000 bushels, remaining on the farms at this time. This is 15 per cent more than the amount held a year ago and 18 per cent more than two years ago. There were 2,844,000 bushels, making five per cent of the crop, that was shipped out of the counties where grown.

The condition of the state's rye crop is 78 per cent. The part to be harvested for grain is 63 per cent, while the remainder will be used for soiling, grazing and hay purposes. Twenty per cent of last year's crop is still on the farms at this season, while it is estimated that 7 per cent of the crop is shipped out of the counties where grown.

It is reported from all parts of the state that 28 per cent of the wheat crop harvested last year is still on the farms where grown. This compares with 17 per cent, or 133,571,000 bushels of the United States crop still on the farms. Seven per cent, or 422,600 bushels of the state wheat crop is shipped out of the counties where grown. It is estimated that 63 per cent of the crop is still on the farms of the country as a whole. This amounts to 486,215,000 bushels. The average price of wheat in North Carolina during February was \$1.34 per bushel, while the United States average prices was 98 cents.

Of the state's cat crop 21 per cent is still on the farms at this date, the amount being 1,070,000 bushels, and 6 per cent, or 233,700 bushels, was shipped out of the counties where grown. The national report gives 34 per cent still on the farms and 25 per cent shipped out of counties, the latter being equivalent to 320,589,000 bushels.

The hay crop of North Carolina shows 47 per cent, or 1,113,000 tons, in equivalent to 384,400 tons. As with the other grain and feed crops, a very small percentage of the hay crop is shipped out of the counties, averaging but three per cent, or 31,200 tons. Although importing less than previously, considerable hay is still brought into North Carolina. United States averages 31 per cent, or 33,434,000 tons of hay left on farms March 1st, and 13 per cent, or 13,856,000 tons shipped out of the counties where grown.

Dry Goods Market. New York, March 14.—Cotton goods continued in light demand today with prices barely steady. Yarn spinners are holding firm for higher prices while trading in central markets continues at irregular figures. Raw silk declined still further during the day and is now well under \$7 a pound for the best standard. Rurlaps were easier, and quiet. Some grades of foreign wool held here have been sold for shipment to Europe. About 3,000,000 pounds were reported to have been traded in during the week. Lack of demand here at the price holders wanted explains the sales. Fine dress goods for fall are having a moderate advance sale.

Hear Argument in Floriging Case. (By the Associated Press.) Rocky Mount, N. C., March 15.—Argument of counsel in the trial of Will Clark and Walter Cook, charged with kidnaping in connection with the flopping in January 27 of Marvin Hobbit, continued in circuit court at Nashville today. Taking of evidence was concluded yesterday and two attorneys made their arguments before court adjourned. The jury is expected to get the case this afternoon.

'Big' Munn, the former Nebraska football star, later a boxer, and who is now trying his hand at the wrestling game, weighs 265 pounds and is 6 feet 6 inches in height.

THOMASVILLE CHIEF OF POLICE RETURNS AND IS BEING HELD

L. C. Jenkins Returns to Thomasville and is Immediately Arrested for Allegedly Part in Recent Murder.

WOMAN'S DEATH LED TO ARREST Body Found in Home Occupied by Jenkins Believed to Be That of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, of Virginia.

(By the Associated Press.) High Point, March 15.—L. C. Jenkins, chief of police of Thomasville, charged with the murder of a white woman believed to be Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, of Appalachonia, Va., whose body was found in the Jones' home yesterday, was arrested when he returned to Thomasville early today, according to advices received here.

Jenkins was taken to Lexington and placed in Davidson county jail. Lexington, N. C., March 15.—Charged with the murder of a woman whose body was found in his room at Thomasville, L. C. Jenkins, chief of police at Thomasville, is in the county jail here. He was placed there this morning by Sheriff R. L. Talbert, into whose care he was delivered by City Manager R. M. Cooksey, of Thomasville. Date of a preliminary hearing has not yet been set, but it is thought he will be arraigned in recorder's court in the next few days.

ANNIVERSARY OF SAMOAN DISASTER One of the Most Appalling Disasters Occurring in Time of Peace.

Washington, March 15.—Veterans of the United States navy, including some who were survivors of the catastrophe, recalled today as the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Samoan disaster, one of the most appalling that ever befell American warship in time of peace.

In the early part of 1889 naval squadrons of the United States, Great Britain and Germany had been sent to Samoa because of the difficulties arising from strife between rival factions in the islands. Half a dozen men-of-war and fifteen merchant vessels were lying in the bay of Apia, and on March 15, a tremendous hurricane swept over the islands. So terrific was the gale that all the vessels in the harbor dragged their anchors and collided. Most of them were finally wrecked on a reef jutting out from the bay. A total of 142 officers and men lost their lives. Of these 51 were Americans.

The German flagship Adler turned over on the reef and a score of her men were lost. The gunboat Eber was flung against on the reef and crashed to bits. Of her crew of seventy-seven only five escaped.

The American cruiser Nipsic, while her crew tried to get an eight-inch gun overboard to act as anchor, was felled by the German warship Olga, and was beached, losing seven men. The Olga, too, was beached, but managed to get off.

During the night the hurricane increased in violence. Early in the morning the British ship Calliope was driven to drag down upon the American Vandalia. The British captain determined to put to sea. Inch by inch the Calliope fought her way through the storm. As she passed the U. S. S. Trenton, the American band struck up "Rule Britannia," and the Yankee sailors lining the yards cheered the British ship.

The Trenton and Vandalia could not escape. Both ships were driven ashore and completely wrecked. As night fell, the men on the Trenton gave a last cheer to their dying comrades. The Vandalia's sailors, as they clung to their spars, returned the cheer from the flagship.

President?



Here is Patrick Edward Crowley, vice president of the New York Central Lines, who may become the president. A. H. Smith, former president, was accidentally killed when he fell from a horse a few days ago, while riding in Central Park, New York City.

WATCHMAN AT STUDIO MYSTERIOUSLY KILLED

Passing Motorist Saw Man Fall Out of Gate Leading to Warner Studios. (By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, March 15.—R. Jensen, watchman at the Hollywood studio of Warner Bros., motion picture producers, was found fatally wounded near the studio gate early today. Frank Ferguson, motoring past, saw the man stumble and fall unconscious. He died while Ferguson was taking him to a hospital.

LONE SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS ARE CONSOLIDATED

Consolidation Gives Boy Scouts Membership of More Than 70,000. (By the Associated Press.) Chicago, March 15.—Consolidation of the Lone Scouts of America with the Boy Scouts of America, whereby the membership of the Boy Scouts will be increased from 60,000 to 70,000, was begun here today.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD NEAR PORTO MEXICO

Rebel Strongholds Are Being Attacked There by Large Federal Forces. Vera Cruz, March 15 (By the Associated Press.)—Heavy firing in the vicinity of Porto Mexico where the rebels are being attacked by government troops under General Jose Dominguez is reported by refugees.

With Our Advertisers.

If you are interested in a beauty secret read ad. today about the famous Mel-Bro Lotion.

The 35rd series of the Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association, offices in the Concord National Bank, will open April 5th. See ad. on first page for particulars.

You cannot afford to miss Robinson's "Opportunity Sale" which will continue through Saturday, March 22nd.

Springtime is here. You can get the tonic you need at the Gibson Drug Store.

W. J. Hethcock can give you a perfect electrical job. Call him if interested.

H. B. Wilkinson's furniture company can get you just the desk needed for your office.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company is the home of good banking. Resources over one million dollars.

For the hostess who is particular Milk Maid Brand will please. Made by Concord Steam Bakery.

G. W. Patterson, of Charlotte, has an ad. in this paper that should appeal to some ambitious young man.

PARKER IN RACE

T. B. Parker Wants Democratic Nomination in Next Primary. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, March 15.—T. B. Parker of this city, made formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of State Commissioner of Agriculture, here tonight. It was stated that his friends, who are familiar with his activities in the agricultural sphere of the state urged him to make the race.

The candidate was for twelve years director of the farmers' and women's institutes extension service and among the first to do demonstration work for the North Carolina farmers. He was also connected with the late Dr. S. A. Knapp who had charge of the Federal extension service in this state, and lectured and supervised lectures and demonstrations to the farm boys and women of the state.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Advance of 18 to 31 Points Carried Price of May to 29.28. (By the Associated Press.) New York, March 15.—An opening advance of 18 to 31 points in the cotton market today carried the price of May up to 29.28, making a new high ground for the present movement.

There was heavy realizing and some southern selling which caused reactions of 10 to 12 points from the best near the close. Buying was encouraged, however, by relatively steady cables and apprehension of unfavorable weather in the southwest over Sunday. This gave the market a steady undertone and active months ended 30 to 23 points net higher during the first hour.

Cotton futures opened firm: March 28.85; May 29.29; July 28.45; October 28.85; December 24.45 offers. Futures closed steady. March 28.95; May 29.24 to 29.25; July 26.53 to 26.58; Oct. 25.87 to 25.90; Dec. 25.50 nominal.

N. C. INSTITUTIONS BENEFITTED BY WILL

Legacies in Smith Will Include Number of Institutions In This State. New York, March 14.—Southern educational institutions are principal beneficiaries of the \$2,065,583 estate of Robert K. Smith, vice president of the American Tobacco Company, it was shown in an appraisal filed today.

The merger was sanctioned recently by the executive board of Boy Scouts in a meeting in New York and Armstrong Perry, former chief pioneer scout of the Boy Scouts, was commissioned to devise means of effecting the amalgamation. In pursuance of this charge Mr. Perry opened an office in Chicago today.

Fenner and Beane's Cotton Letter.

New Orleans, March 14.—The disposition to sell on the bulges was still in evidence today but the bad weather, bullish consumption, large volume takings and favorable repatriation news prove too strong for the traders and values rose in spite of the selling.

Champion Fibre Company Puts More to Work.

Asheville, March 14.—The Champion Fibre Company of Canton, started the sulphate department yesterday and will on Monday morning start the sulphate and electrolytic bleach departments, raising the number of employees almost to the 800 mark, according to the statement last night of Reuben Robertson, general manager.

Earthquake Shocks Felt.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 15.—Pronounced earthquake shocks about 5,000 miles from Washington were recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown University. The shocks began at 5:44 a. m., eastern time, reached the maximum intensity at 6:21 and ended at 6:50.

MISS COLTRANE WINS ENDORSEMENT OF THE D. A. R. CONVENTION

State Convention in Session at Greensboro Friday Gave Its Endorsement to Her After Bitter Battle.

SEEKS OFFICE IN NATIONAL SOCIETY

Miss Coltrane is Candidate For Vice President General—Concord Women Present to Help Candidate.

Miss Jenn Coltrane, one of Concord's most brilliant women and a D. A. R. worker of national reputation, was Friday endorsed by the State convention Daughters of the American Revolution for the office of Vice President General of the national organization. The endorsement of Miss Coltrane came after one of the most spirited fights in the history of the organization in North Carolina, the vote being 54 for Miss Coltrane and 39 for Mrs. Spencer, of Winston-Salem, who was being supported by several chapters.

The following account of the meeting from The Greensboro News of the 15th will be of great interest here: The Daughters of the American Revolution, meeting here yesterday in their 24th annual convention to observe Educational day, to present the student loan fund to North Carolina College, to start the campaign for the Valley Forge memorial, and to endorse a candidate for vice president general, spent practically all of the day sessions at North Carolina College in wrangling over the endorsement of Miss Jenn Coltrane, of Concord, as candidate for vice president general at the Pinehurst meeting and subsequent developments.

It was one of the greatest fights ever waged in a convention at Greensboro. And the bitterness which has been exhibited to a certain extent ever since the Pinehurst meeting came out in the open. Several times it looked as if real fist fights would occur.

Miss Coltrane was finally endorsed by a vote of 54 to 39. The action came in the afternoon after an entire day of wrangling back and forth between the two factions, one the supporter of the winning nominee and one of Mrs. W. O. Spencer, of Winston-Salem.

Hold Indorsement Irregular. The indorsement of Miss Coltrane at the Pinehurst convention in November was declared irregular because of the misinterpretation of a bylaw of the national organization. Miss Coltrane's indorsement at Pinehurst by the vote of her opponent was thought illegal by some of Mrs. Spencer's supporters who carried the matter to Washington. The national parliamentarian gave the decision that it was illegal, and a resolution at the morning session by Mrs. John Van Landingham, of Charlotte, to stand by the decision of the State executive board to agree to the national parliamentarian's ruling was carried. Therefore, a new vote was called for, but before the vote was taken the convention almost came to blows over certain matters that were brought to light concerning the Pinehurst election and subsequent action.

Issue was taken on a letter written by Mrs. P. P. Hall, of Gaston, to the national parliamentarian explaining the election as she saw it, and seemingly accusing the tellers of fraud in the counting of the vote and the state parliamentarian, Mrs. Eugene Reilly, of Charlotte, and the state regent, Mrs. Charles W. Tillet, of Charlotte, of irregularity in the ruling.

Mrs. Abster D. Morrison, of Charlotte, offered a resolution that a letter be written to the national regent and the national parliamentarian to repudiate the charge of fraud against the 1923 North Carolina state convention. Mrs. Hall refused to go back on her statement, saying that she did not accuse any one of fraud but simply said that according to parliamentary law the election was fraudulent and that she was so upheld by the national parliamentarian.

Used Right of Appeal. "I merely used my right of appeal," said Mrs. Hall. Her letter was read and re-read so that the "fraud" clause could be thoroughly understood. Other correspondents were brought to light and public and private accusations were aired before the convention.

At last the matter of an explanation to Washington was cleared by the regent, Mrs. Tillet, appointing Mrs. Morrison. (Continued on Page Three.)

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The 53rd series in this old Reliable Building and Loan Association will open on April 5th, 1924. The officers and stockholders invite each and every person in Concord to take some shares in this series. "Our security is the best on earth because it is Real Estate security."

Running shares cost 25 cents per share per week. Prepaid shares cost \$72.25 per share. Each share is worth \$100.00 at maturity. We have been maturing our stock in 328 weeks. Tax return day is coming. Just remember that all stock with us is non-taxable.

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